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1. IN MEETING WITH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER ABDURRAHMAN AL MANSOURI FEB 25 CHARGE INFORMED HIM OF FORTHCOMING ATHERTON VISIT TO ALGERIA USING GUIDANCE REF A AND REQUESTED THAT THIS BE CLOSELY HELD UNTIL DETAILS OF THE VISIT HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT. MANSOURI SAID THE ALGERIA IS ATTEMPTING TO INTERNATIONALIZE THE SAHARA PROBLEM AND TO DRUM UP THIRD WORLD SUPPORT WITH AN EYE POSSIBLY TO SEEKING UN SUPPORT FOR ITS POSITION. HE SAID THAT THE SAG DIDN'T WANT THE QUESTION TO BE DISCUSSED IN OTHER FORUMS BECAUSE THIS WOULD SHOW UP ARAB DISUNITY.

2. MANSOURI WISHED THAT THE US COULD DO MORE TO HELP MOROCCO AND SAID THAT WE WERE NOT MOVING VERY FAST IN PROVIDING MOROCCO WITH MORE MILITARY HELP EVEN THOUGH THIS WOULD BE FULLY PAID FOR. CHARGE REPLIED THAT THERE WERE OFTEN TECHNICAL CONSTRAINTS SUCH AS PRODUCTION LEAD TIMES ON OUR ABILITY TO RESPOND QUICKLY TO ARMS REQUESTS AND MOREOVER THAT HE SHOULD UNDERSTAND OUR UNWILLINGNESS TO GET CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO ARAB STATES WITH EACH OF WHICH WE HAD
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PRETTY FAIR RELATIONS.

3. MANSOURI THEN SAID THAT THE SAG WAS CONCERNED THAT ALGERIA, WITH SOVIET BACKING, WOULD PUSH FOR POSSESSION OF THE SPANISH SAHARA SO THAT IT WOULD HAVE A WINDOW ON THE ATLANTIC. WHAT WITH THE RUSSIANS IN ANGOLA AND ALGERIA INDEBTED TO THE USSR FOR ITS WINDOW TO THE ATLANTIC, THE USSR COULD LOOK TO SOON HAVING THE ENTIRE WEST COAST OF AFRICA IN ITS GRIP.

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